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For: **After-Market Dashboard Bezel for an Automobile having a Number of Instrument Holders and Associated Method**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131

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Douglas M. Jennings, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application, declares:

1. I reside at 10780 Affirmed Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46234.

2. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter described in the above-identified utility patent application, and claimed in all of the currently pending claims 26-44 and 52-61 thereof.

3. At least as early as the first week in December of 1999, I had completed by conceiving and reducing to practice my invention as described and currently claimed in the above-identified utility patent application.

4. In support of this declaration, I am including herewith a copy of two pictures showing a dashboard bezel that includes two instrument mounts that I designed, manufactured, and installed into my 1999 Honda Civic Si (see Exhibit A at page 2 of 8) by at least the first week of December 1999. I installed this dashboard bezel in a bezel mounting space that was created when I removed the factory installed dashboard bezel from my 1999 Honda Civic Si. These pictures of my installed dashboard bezel were posted on the "Club Si Message Forums" internet web site during the first week of December 1999.

5. In response to such web site posting, I received many requests from individuals who desired to purchase from me a dashboard bezel possessing my design shown in Exhibit A (hereinafter "Jennings dashboard bezel"). Thereafter, I manufactured and sold at least three (3) Jennings dashboard bezels during December of 1999, at least five (5) Jennings dashboard bezels during January of 2000, at least two (2) Jennings dashboard bezels during February of 2000, and

at least seven (7) Jennings dashboard bezels during March of 2000. Included in Exhibit B are copies of receipts that were sent to my customers along with their Jennings dashboard bezel and an associated installation instruction sheet. Each of the above-identified Jennings dashboard bezels that were shipped to my customers during December of 1999, January of 2000, February of 2000, and March of 2000 were made from same mold and thus were substantially identical in physical configuration to the Jennings dashboard bezel shown in Exhibit A.

6. Shown in Exhibit C are two pictures of a mold that I used to produce the Jennings dashboard bezel shown in Exhibit A, as well as the Jennings dashboard bezels sold by me to the individuals listed on the copies of the receipts included in Exhibit B.

7. Attached are Affidavits of Jon M. Weaver and Richard W. Chupp, Jr. attesting to the fact that they each personally viewed and examined, during December of 1999, the actual Jennings dashboard bezel which is shown in Exhibit A.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and

that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

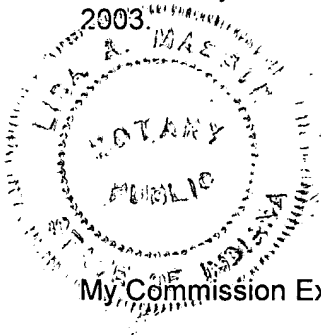
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Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State.
Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 10th day of November, 2003.



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